

13th Annual Texas Veteran Higher Education Symposium

October 5-6, 2021

Tuesday, October 5

8:00 – 8:30

Registration and Check-In

8:00 - 8:30

Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chancellor John Sharp, The Texas A&M University System
Dr. Kelly Miller, President, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

9:15 – 9:45

***Keynote Address: (Anchor CD)**

John Boerstler, Chief Veterans Experience Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs

10:00 – 11:00

***Presentation: Stand-To Veteran Higher Education Task Force, Military & Veteran Affairs Playbook (Anchor CD)**

Amy Bernard, George W. Bush Institute

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:15

***Presentation: Assessing the Impact of the COVID Pandemic on Student Veterans and Campus Support Services (Anchor CD)**

Wendy Lang, Operation College Promise | Montaigne Long, The Texas A&M University System

12:15 – 1:30

***Lunch with Guest Spotlights (Anchor CD)**

Art Montiel, Alamo Area Council of Governments

Kandi Tillman, 50strong | Beau Higgins, Sr. Manager - Amazon Military Affairs | Sean Passmore, Head of Military Initiatives - Wells Fargo | Matt Disher, Head of Military Initiatives - Cushman & Wakefield

1:30 – 2:30

***Concurrent Sessions**

Presentation: How Do You Quantify Integrity [Career Readiness] (Anchor AB)

Amanda Olson, The University of Texas at Austin

***Presentation: An Interdisciplinary Partnership for Providing Well Being Services [Holistic Wellbeing] (Anchor CD)**

Dr. Katherine Selber, Texas State University

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Concurrent Sessions

***Panel: Power of Working Together [Holistic Wellbeing] (Anchor AB)**

Presenters: Adriana Leal & Jessica Parra, University of the Incarnate Word

Panel: Phillip Rangel, Christopher Marmolejo, Dr. Juan Gonzalez

***Presentation: Serving Those Who Have Served: How Veterans and Employers Engage During the Career Readiness Process [Career Readiness] (Anchor CD)**

Susan Keough, Texas A&M University

3:45 – 4:45

***Presentation: Texas Veterans Commission Briefing (Anchor CD)**

5:30 – 7:30

Reception at The Art Museum of South Texas

Wednesday, October 6

8:00 – 8:30

Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30

***Presentation: Veteran Inclusivity (Anchor CD)**

Dr. Abby Kinch, Student Veterans of America

9:45 – 10:45

***Panel: Texas Veteran Education Success Tracker Project (Anchor CD)**

Moderator: Jerry Smith, Texas A&M University System

Panelists:

Dr. Chris Cate, Student Veterans of America

Jeremiah Gunderson, The University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Katherine Selber, Texas State University

10:45 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:00

Concurrent Sessions

Presentation: VETworking & More: Career Programs That Engage Student Veterans [Career Readiness] (Anchor AB)

Lisa Adams, The University of Texas at Dallas

***Presentation: Overcoming Obstacles: Using Case Management for Veteran Student Success [Academic Success] (Anchor CD)**

Marleatta Dean & Anne Imber, Lone Star College – University Park

12:15 – 1:30

Lunch (Anchor CD)

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Presentation: The Pursuit of Holistic Well-Being: Building a Plan to Boost Resiliency [Holistic Wellbeing] (Anchor AB)

Rachel Brauner & Lakshmi Mahadevan, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

****Presentation: Financial Best Practices & Collaboration across Campus [Financial Support] (Anchor CD)***

LeeAnn Pickett, Texas A&M University

2:45 – 3:45

****Presentation: Employing Student Veterans on Campus (Anchor CD)***

Don Freeman, Texas A&M University

3:45 – 4:15

****Closing Remarks (Anchor CD)***